

Sixty-seventh
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

HOUSE BILL NO. 1159

Introduced by

Representatives Brandenburg, Mitskog

Senator Wanzek

1 A BILL ~~for an Act to provide an appropriation to the industrial commission for natural gas~~
2 ~~infrastructure grants; and to provide a statement of legislative intent.~~ for an Act to provide for a
3 legislative management study regarding natural gas infrastructure development.

4 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:**

5 ~~— **SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION -- INTENT -- LEGACY FUND EARNINGS.** There is~~
6 ~~appropriated out of any moneys in the general fund in the state treasury, not otherwise~~
7 ~~appropriated, the sum of \$100,000,000, or so much of the sum as may be necessary, to the~~
8 ~~industrial commission for the purpose of providing grants to support natural gas infrastructure~~
9 ~~development, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2021, and ending June 30, 2023. The industrial~~
10 ~~commission shall develop guidelines for the grants, including eligibility and reporting~~
11 ~~requirements. It is the intent of the sixty-seventh legislative assembly that the funds~~
12 ~~appropriated be derived from legacy fund earnings transferred to the general fund during the~~
13 ~~biennium beginning July 1, 2019, and ending June 30, 2021.~~

14 **SECTION 1. LEGISLATIVE MANAGEMENT STUDY.** During the 2021-22 interim, the
15 legislative management shall consider studying natural gas and propane infrastructure
16 development in the state. The study must include consideration of the current infrastructure
17 available for natural gas and propane, challenges related to the development of natural gas and
18 propane infrastructure, community needs for natural gas and propane infrastructure, and a cost
19 benefit analysis of any state incentives to encourage the development of natural gas and
20 propane infrastructure. The legislative management shall report its findings and
21 recommendations, together with any legislation required to implement the recommendations, to
22 the sixty-eighth legislative assembly.